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Title:	RAPIDLY DISINTEGRABLE SOLID PREPARATION		

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.191, Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the final rejection of claims 20, 21, 23-26, 28, 29, 31, and 32 of the above-identified application, as set forth in the Office Action mailed June 23, 2006.

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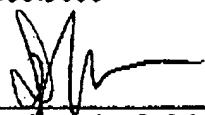
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